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SUBJECT: ASSISTANCE TO JORDANIANS COMMANDER IN CHIEF

1. AT STATE DINNER FOR VISITING SPANISH KING JORDAN ARMY
COMMANDER IN CHIEF, LTG BIN SHAKER APPROACHED ME WITH A REQUEST
FOR ASSISTANCE. DURING PERSONAL VISIT TO DAMSCUS LAST WEEK (WIFE'S
FATHER RESIDENT THERE HAS BEEN ILL) SHAKER APPARENTLY DISCUSSED
WITH SYRIAN CHIEF OF STAFF, HIKMAT SHIHABI, SHIBAHIS SONS
EDUCATION. SHAKER HAS DAUGHTER AT SANATA
CLARA UNIVERSITY IN SANATA CLARA, CALIFORNIA AND SHIHABI SHOWED
STRONG INTEREST IN SENDING SON NOW FINISHING SECONDARY SCHOOL
IN SYRIA TO SAME SCHOOL.

2. SHAKER SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED MY HELP IN GETTING SHIBAHIS
SON ADMITTED. I TOLD HIM I HAD MET THE PRESIDENT OF THE SCHOOL IN
AMMAN ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS AND THAT HE HAD ALWAYS BEEN INTERESTED
IN GOOD STUDENTS FROM THIS AREA. SHAKER SAID SHIHABI'S SON WOULD
FINISH SCHOOL IN THE SPRING AND WOULD BE THEN IN A POSITION TO
PROVIDE SANATA CLARA WITH GRADES AND REPORTS, I ALSO TOLD SHAKER
THAT SANATA CLARA WOULD PROBABLY WANT AN APPLICATION FORM FILLED
OUT SHORTLY AND HE ASKED THAT I GET IT BACK TO HIM SO HE CAN FOLLOW
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UP WITH SHIHABI.

3. IF AMBASSADOR MURPHY HAS NO OBJECTIONS, I WOULD BE GRATEFUL
IF NEA/ARN WOULD CALL FATHER FLECKINGER THE PRESIDENT OF
SANATA CLARA AND EXPLAIN THE CASE TO HIM. IT WOULD ALSO BE
USEFUL IF SANATA CLARA COULD AIRMAIL APPLICATIONS ETC TO THE EMBASSY,
I SUGGEST INTERNATIONAL MAIL SO THAT THEY CAN BE PASSED TO SHAKER

I WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO AMBASSADOR MURPHYS MENTIONING
SHARKERS APPROACH TO ME ON HIS BEHALF IF HE WISHES TO DO SO AS
LONG AS HE DOES NOT BELIEVE IT WOULD HAVE ANY KIND OF BLOW BACK
ON THE SHIHABI-SHAKER ARRANGEMENT WHICH SHAKER FEELS CONFIDENT
ABOUT BUT IS OBVIOUSLY ALSO TRYING TO ENHANCE.
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